



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LINDA R. MEDLER

Col. Linda R. Medler is vice commander of the 75th Air Base Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The wing supports the Ogden Air Logistics Center, two fighter wings, 46 other associate units, and directly supports Air and Space Expeditionary Forces operations. The 75th ABW also has base support responsibility for the operation of the 1,500-square-mile Utah Test and Training Range.

Colonel Medler was commissioned in 1987 through Air Force Officer Training School, graduating first in her class. She has served in a variety of communications positions in the Air Force and has commanded one Air Force squadron, a mission support group and the 97th Air Expeditionary Group that provided support for humanitarian relief operations across the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. She also deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan from August 2004-January 2005 where she lead more than 100 coalition personnel responsible for a \$7 billion program to field the 70,000-person Afghan National Army. Colonel Medler has graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I., and from the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program with the Oracle Corporation, Reston, Va.



Prior to her current position, Colonel Medler was the 97th Mission Support Group commander, Altus AFB, Okla.

EDUCATION

- 1986 Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (magna cum laude) in management and computer information systems, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Ark.
- 1993 Master of Business Administration Degree in management information systems, Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Institution Program, University of Arizona, Ariz.
- 1993 Air Ground Operations School, Battle Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 1994 Squadron Officer School (distinguished graduate), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1995 Advanced Communications Officer Training (distinguished graduate), Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1997 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1999 College of Naval Command and Staff (distinguished graduate and top Air Force student), Newport, R.I.
- 1999 Master of Arts Degree in national security and strategic studies (with highest distinction), Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2000 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2002 Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow with the Oracle Corporation, Reston, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1974-August 1976, Marine recruit training, then enlisted administrative specialist, U.S. Marine Corps, Parris Island, S.C. then Camp Elmore, Norfolk, Va.
2. February 1985-February 1986, administrative specialist, Marine Corps Reserve, Little Rock, Ark.
3. March 1987-June 1987, Air Force OTS (first honor graduate), Lackland AFB, Texas
4. June 1987-October 1987, student, Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Miss.

5. October 1987-July 1989, information systems management officer; later, executive officer, 1912th Computer Systems Group, Langley AFB, Va.
6. July 1989-July 1991, fighter systems program manager; later, mission software policy manager, Communications-Computer Systems, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va.
7. July 1991-May 1993, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Institution Program, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.
8. May 1993-August 1996, chief, Theater Air Control System Communications, 612th Air Operations Group; later, chief, Air Operations Center Computer Systems Branch, 612th Air Communications Squadron, Headquarters 12th Air Force, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. September 1996-August 1998, presidential communications officer and chief, Program Planning Division, White House Communications Agency, Washington, D.C.
10. August 1998-June 1999, student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I.
11. July 1999-June 2001, commander, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
12. July 2001-July 2002, Secretary of Defense corporate fellow, Oracle Corporation, Reston, Va.
13. July 2002-June 2004, military secretary, Military Communications Electronics Board; later, chief, International Branch, Directorate for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. August 2004-February 2006, commander, 97th Mission Support Group, Altus AFB, Okla.
15. February 2006-present, vice commander, 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
 Presidential Support Badge
 Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Air Force Leo Marquez Communications-Electronics Field Grade Manager of the Year, 2000
 Air Combat Command, C4 Professional of the Year, 1995
 12th Air Force and Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1994

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 5, 1987
First Lieutenant	June 5, 1989
Captain	June 5, 1991
Major	Sept. 1, 1997
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2000
Colonel	Aug. 1, 2004

(Current as of March 2006)